

**Amendments to the Specification:**

**In the title:**

Please change the title to read as follows:

**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CONTROLLING ACCESS  
TO NETWORK RESOURCES USING RESOURCE GROUPS**

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Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning at line 21:

According to one development of the invention, the backbone zone 8 comprises a central configuration machine 14 from which the global configuration of the system 2 is performed. The global configuration of the system 2 can be performed, for example, as explained in the French patent application no. 2,802,662 filed on December 2, 1999 by the present Applicant ~~on the same day as the present application~~, the title of which is "METHOD AND DEVICE FOR CENTRALIZED FIREWALL CONFIGURATION IN A COMPUTER SYSTEM", granted 21 June 2001. The central configuration machine 14 offers a graphical interface 15 that allows the administrator 7 to perform said configuration. The graphical interface 15 is illustrated in Figs. 1 through 4.

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please replace the original Abstract with the accompanying Abstract on a separate sheet.